

2012 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines

General Guidelines:

- The competition is open to all high school students living in the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. If you do not live in the 4th District, please contact the Member of Congress who represents the district you live in by visiting <http://house.gov>.
- All artwork must conform to the following restrictions:
 - Artwork must be two dimensional
 - Each piece can be no larger than 28'' x 28'' x 4'' (28 inches high and wide, and 4 inches deep)
 - Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 pounds
 - Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate and U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
- Artwork accepted mediums are as follows:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - Collage: must be two dimensional
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - Computer-generated art
 - Photography
- The grand prize winner will be announced at a reception hosted by Congressman Altmire on Sunday, April 29, 2012, with the time and location to be announced at a later.
- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2012 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by The Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

Entry Form:

Each entry must be accompanied by the 2012 Student Entry and Release Form.

Deadline:

All artwork including completed Student Entry and Release Form, must be emailed to shannon.smith@mail.house.gov on or before March 30, 2012. If your artwork is chosen as one of the 15 finalists, it can be delivered to either District office during the week of April 16-20, 2012 from 9:00 am to 5:30pm:

Aliquippa District Office
2110 McLean Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001
(724) 378-0928

Natrona Heights Office
2124 Freeport Road
Natrona Heights, PA 15065
(724) 226-1304

NOTE: The Student Entry and Release Form may be submitted any time before March 30, 2012, prior to artwork submission.